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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, RH

SUBJECT: MUSOREWA AND SITHOLE DEPUTIES MEET IN BLANTYRE

1. BRITISH INTELREP WHO IS BASED IN BLANTYRE TOLD ME LAST
NIGHT THAT HE HAD TO RETURNUNEXPECTEDLY TO BLANTYRE TODAY IN
ORDER TO FACILITIATE MEETING AT HIS RESIDENCE OF ANC'S VICE
PRESIDENT DR. GABELLAH AND TOP SITHOLE ZANU FACTION OFFICIAL.
PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO TRY TO ARRANGE SOME TYPE OF FORMAL
WORKING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN TWO GROUPS. IF SUCCESSFUL, SITHOLE
AND MUSOREWA APPARENTLY ARE SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING RETURN TO
SALISBURY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERNAL REFERENDUM WHICH MAY
BE HELD. REPORTEDLY BISHOP MUSOREWA DOES NOT WANT TO ABSORB
SITHOLE'S GROUP INTO HIS ANC BECAUSE HE FEELS THAT SITHOLE'S
INTERNAL STRENGTH WILL BE RELATED TO HIS ZANU POSITION.
BRITISH INTELREP EXPRESSED OPINION INTERNAL REFERENDUM IN
RHODESIA COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION BUT ONLY
PROVIDED NKOMO'S ZAPU AND MUGABE'S ZANU FACTION COULD ALSO
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